

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE**

Applicants: Miri Seiberg, et al.  
Serial No.: (Continuation of 10/023,388)  
Filed: July 28, 2003  
For: SERINE PROTEASE AND TOPICAL RETINOID COMPOSITIONS  
USEFUL FOR TREATMENT OF ACNE VULGARIS AND  
PRODUCTION OF ANTI-AGING EFFECTS

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is respectfully submitted in order to cite the co-pendency information in the Specification of the above-identified patent application. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 1, kindly insert the following:

—This patent application is a continuation patent application of United States Serial No. 10/023,388, filed December 17, 2001, which in turn is a continuation of United States Serial No. 09/015, 565, filed January 29, 1998, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.—

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

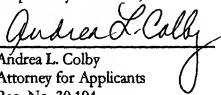
Kindly cancel claims 16-57 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is respectfully submitted in order to cite the co-pendency information in the Specification of the above-identified patent application. Claims 16-57 are being canceled without prejudice and with leave to file a divisional application in the future.

Consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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